THE MINISTER OF PLANNING, THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKAR): (a) No, Sir. The comments and views of the State Government on the recommendation of the Jaswant Singh Commission in this regard have not yet been received.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A decision in this matter could be taken only after the comments and views of the State Government have been received.

Exploration of shipwrecks sites

*298. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA:
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Ocean is strewn with shipwrecks from the ancient and medieval times;

(b) whether Government's attention has also been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Statesman, dated the 19th October, 1987 to the effect that 210 underwater shipwreck sites are being explored near Bombay;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) whether any steps have been taken for the exploration of these shipwreck sites, which could throw more light on the maritime history of India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) 210 shipwreck sites have been listed in the Indian waters.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The shipwreck sites listed have been collected from the marine records of State Archives of Bombay, Madras and Calcutta Wrecks are yet to be explored, but the preliminary survey in Goa and Tranquebar of Tamilnadu coasts reveal one shipwreck each. Systematic coastal survey is yet to be undertaken.

(d) Specific action plan in this regard is yet to be finalized.

कोर्ट फीस का समाप्त किया जाना

*299 श्री **सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय** क्या **विधि और न्याय मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या लोगो को सुलभ और सस्ता न्याय दिलाने के उद्देश्य से सरकार कोर्ट फीस को समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है और यदि नही, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या इस सम्बन्ध में सरकार को हाल ही मे कोई ज्ञापन प्राप्त हुआ है ; यदि हा, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

योजना मंत्री तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री तथा विधि और न्याय मंत्री (श्री पी० शिवशंकर) : (क) जी नही । तथापि न्यायालय फीस के सुव्यवस्थीकरण का विषय, आम व्यक्ति पर इसके भार को कम करने की दृष्टि से न्याय सुधार के संदर्भ मे विधि आयोग के निर्देशाधीन है । इसके अतिरिक्त न्यायालय फीस (उच्चतम न्यायालय के मामले को छोड़कर) राज्य का विषय है और इस विषय मे राज्य सरकारो द्वारा विनिश्चय किया जाता है ।

(ख) जी नही ।

NAM draft on Namibia

*300 SHRI DINKARAO GOVIND RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the UN has okayed the NAM draft on Namibia and India